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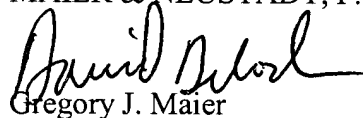
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PROVISIONAL ELECTION OF SPECIES

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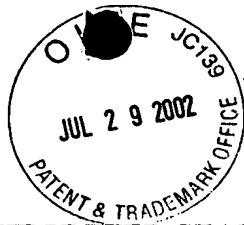


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In response to the Election of Species requirement dated June 28, 2002, Applicant provisionally elects Species A and identifies Claims 2-28 and 49-50 as readable on the provisionally elected species.

Applicant respectfully traverses the election requirement for several reasons.

First, MPEP § 806.04(f) requires:

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Claims to be restricted to different species must be mutually exclusive. ..

The outstanding Official Action fails to address in any way whether the pending claims recite mutually exclusive characteristics and this failure provides a further basis for traversing the election requirement.

Finally, MPEP § 803 states:

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... If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, Applicant also respectfully traverses the outstanding Election requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, an action on all pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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